

<b>Examiner-Initiated Interview Summary</b>	<b>Application No.</b> 10/807,280	<b>Applicant(s)</b> SASAKI ET AL.	
	<b>Examiner</b> A. Dexter Tugbang	<b>Art Unit</b> 3729	

**All Participants:**

(1) A. Dexter Tugbang, Examiner.

(2) J. Adam Neff, for Applicant(s).

**Status of Application:** \_\_\_\_

(3) \_\_\_\_.

(4) \_\_\_\_.

**Date of Interview:** 16 April 2007

**Time:** \_\_\_\_

**Type of Interview:**

- ☒ Telephonic  
☐ Video Conference  
☐ Personal (Copy given to: ☐ Applicant ☐ Applicant's representative)

**Exhibit Shown or Demonstrated:** ☐ Yes ☐ No

If Yes, provide a brief description:

**Part I.**

**Rejection(s) discussed:**

*Potential 112, 1<sup>st</sup> paragraph, new matter*

**Claims discussed:**

*1 and 4*

**Prior art documents discussed:**

*of record*

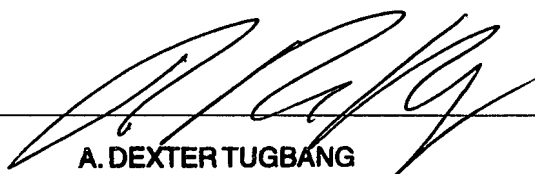
**Part II.**

**SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW DESCRIBING THE GENERAL NATURE OF WHAT WAS DISCUSSED:**

*See Continuation Sheet*

**Part III.**

- ☒ It is not necessary for applicant to provide a separate record of the substance of the interview, since the interview directly resulted in the allowance of the application. The examiner will provide a written summary of the substance of the interview in the Notice of Allowability.  
☐ It is not necessary for applicant to provide a separate record of the substance of the interview, since the interview did not result in resolution of all issues. A brief summary by the examiner appears in Part II above.



**A. DEXTER TUGBANG  
PRIMARY EXAMINER**

(Examiner/SPE Signature)

(Applicant/Applicant's Representative Signature – if appropriate)

Continuation of Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was discussed: In the applicant(s) response filed on February 28, 2007, the Examiner urged applicant(s) that the amendment to Claim 1, specifically the phrase of "at the same time" (lines 12-13) appeared to raise new matter, which would then warrant a rejection under 112, first paragraph. The examiner noted that the specification was not clear as to whether or not the second magnetic pole layer and the gap layer were both etched as the same time.

However, the examiner proposed a change to Claim 1 to remove these limitations from Claim 1, as well as clarify that a portion of the gap layer is what is removed. Furthermore, a minor change to Claim 4 was needed to correct a mere informality with the language.

The applicant(s) have agreed to all of the above changes, which are in the attached Examiner's Amendment, and now places the application in condition for allowance.